

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Regional Rape Crisis Centers has led the way in the Commonwealth in addressing sexual assault by providing 24-hour hotline services to victim/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and
- WHEREAS, Last year, Kentucky's Regional Rape Crisis Centers responded to approximately 4,158 crisis calls, provided over 14,131 counseling sessions, performed more than 4,975 advocacy services; and provided nearly 5,852 educational programs for 175,410 Kentuckians; and
- WHEREAS, Ending sexual assault in Kentucky must include active public and private efforts to End Sexual Violence in collaboration with all citizens of the Commonwealth, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how each person can do one small thing to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and other support services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs in Kentucky work year round to encourage every person in the Commonwealth to End Sexual Violence and continue to lead the way in violence prevention with its statewide high school violence reduction initiative that seeks to ultimately engage all Kentuckians in their role as citizen bystanders through awareness, education and proactive behaviors that establish intolerance of violence as the norm; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Rape Crisis Centers need our support and assistance as they continue efforts to bring real hope for freeing Kentucky from the tragedy of sexual violence to create a future where all women, men and children can live free from violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 25th day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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